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[57] ABSTRACT

An automated storage library for which the management thereof is transparent to a requester is disclosed. The library provides for all of its own internal management. To access a file in the library, a requester need only specify the volume on which the file is located, permitting the use of a standard file access method for a single peripheral storage device. A path format which is the same as that used for a single, peripheral storage device, except that the peripheral storage device designator is replaced with a designator for the automated storage library and a volume label is inserted as a subdirectory path element, and a program product therefor are also disclosed.

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